



A legend bids adieu

Dr. K. Sivadasan, whose ever smiling face and commanding voice will be missed in the forums of IMA. 'Guru' to many stalwarts of IMA Cochin left us on 12.9.2008 following a brief illness.

Dr. K. Sivadasan (69), was the Senior Paediatrician in Cochin. He was former President IMA Cochin, Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) Cochin and IAP Kerala State Branch. A retired D.M.O. of Kerala Health Services, Dr. Sivadasan was actively involved in all child welfare activities of the district. He was one of the key persons in making Kochi the first Baby Friendly City in India. He was former Superintendent of General Hospital, Ernakulam and was instrumental in making General Hospital the First Referral Unit. He was also a master trainer for State AIDS Control Society. He is survived by mother Devaki Amma, wife Prameela, son Ramdas (Bangalore), daughter Rekha, son-in-law K.P. Jayakumar (AVT) and daughter-in-law Indu.

CONDOLENCE MEETING

A meeting will be held at 8.15 pm on Wednesday, 17th September 2008 at the IMA Blood Bank Hall to pay homage to our beloved colleague. Please do attend the meeting.

Dr.N.S.D.Raju

A FEATHER IN THE CAP

The 216th State Working Committee meeting of IMA Kerala State Branch was hosted by the Cochin Branch at Mercy Estate on the 7th of September. 120 delegates attended the meeting. Dr. R. Ramesh, the present Secretary was declared elected as the new President of IMA Kerala State Branch for the year 2008-2009. President Dr.N.S.D.Raju welcomed the gathering. Secretary Dr.Sunil K.Mathai read the obituary. Veteran State leaders like Dr.Velayudhan Pillai, Dr.Marthandan Pillai, Dr.Jayaram and many of the Past Presidents adorned the dias. Dr. Alex Franklin, State President congratulated the Branch for the excellent conduct of the meeting.



DOCTOR-PATIENT PROTECTION DAY

August 28th – The day was declared as the Doctor-Patient Protection Day by the State IMA. Cochin Branch along with the other 8 branches of Ernakulam participated in a massive rally commencing from Old IMA Hall and ending at Kanayannur Taluk Office.

A Dharna was staged in front of Taluk Office where Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer addressed the gathering. He stressed on the need for enacting the laws needed to protect the doctors. Dr. Srivalsalan, Dr. Savitha Prabakar, Dr. K.E. Paulose and Dr. N.S.D. Raju addressed the meeting. Paramedical staff, Medical students and Hospital employees participated in the dharna.



Retd. Chief Justice Shri V.R. Krishna Iyer addressing the Doctor-Patient Protection Rally



IMA CHARITABLE MEDICINE BANK

IMA Charitable Medicine Bank conducted a medical camp with Lions Hospital, Sasthamughal on 31st August 2008 at Nithya Sahaya Hospital, Cheranalloor.

It was a multispeciality camp. Eye and Diabetic Detection also conducted. Large number of patients were attended. Dr.M.M.Hassan, Dr.Santha, Dr.Preetha and Dr.N.Gopalakrishnan participated. Special thanks to all the doctors who attend the medical camp.

The IMA Medicine Bank also supplied free medicines for medical camps conducted by Rajagiri Outrich Society at Kalamassery, and Piravom.

IMA CHARITABLE MEDICINE BANK

Working Hours : 10.00 - 2.00 p.m.

Medicines donated by :

Dr. Prasad	Dr. George P. Abraham
Dr. Geetha	Dr. P. Ramakrishnan
Dr. Sujit Vasudevan	Dr. Varghese Cherian
Dr. N. Krishna Iyer	

Dr. N. Gopalakrishnan, Convener

BLOOD BANK NEWS AUGUST 2008

Total 1489 units of blood were collected and 3125 units of blood and its components issued. Patients in 88 hospitals were beneficiaries. 10 blood donation camps were conducted.

Dr. K. Narayanan Kutty, Secretary, Blood Bank

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Jim Philip	Dr. Jayakrishnan
Dr. Indulekha	Dr. P. Prabhu Ranjith
Dr. Rekha Zachariah	Dr. Joe Paul
Dr. Sheema Thomas	

Secretary's Corner

Dear colleagues,



Thank you very much for making the Dharna and the State Working Committee a roaring success. The Cochin IMA activities received a lot of praise from the Working Committee. The present office bearers are completing their term by this month and the elections are due.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you for the support of an year of hectic activities. Join us on 28th for the CME to be conducted in the New IMA building.

Regards,

Dr. Sunil